

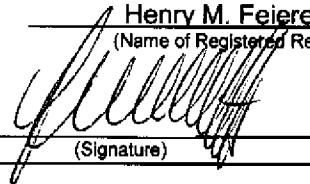
# PATENT

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| In re Application of:         | ) |                        |
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated March 17, 2009

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

This communication is in response to the Official Action of March 17, 2009, having a shortened period for response terminating June 17, 2009.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by ONE month until July 17, 2009.

Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

[ ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: